

# "LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mike Collos Jr.

Best Is "Hungry"

Old timers of the game of baseball and most men of experience will tell you the same story—it takes all you got and then a great deal more to make the major leagues and stay there!

One of the surest ways to succeed is by being "hungry." Generally this term is applicable to those who have no other job, no other interest, and are usually those who come from a less-than-average income home. Too few of today's ballplayers have these qualifications for success.

In the thirties and forties, before the "bonus babies," baseballers received just the salary the club gave them plus perhaps a few bucks here and there for endorsing a commercial product. Hard work and concentration doing one thing generally produced a good player in the highly competitive game of baseball.

Of course when the individual made good and the money started to pour in what was to protect that "hungry" feeling from disappearing? To most the answer was simple—keep outside interests, financial ones that is, at an absolute minimum. Invest your money but don't participate.

One of the pillars of this positive approach to baseball playing was Jolting Joe DiMaggio, the Yankee Clipper. The great centerfielder came to the Bronx Bombers with just a few greenbacks from San Francisco. Known to all who played with him and to those who covered his feats, as the quiet and serious one Joe, however, began to make a big noise with that big stick. He made money, lots of it, and he salted it away—in non-participating investments. Smarter men than he protected his interests. Never once in his playing days did he lose sight of the game that contributed so much to his financial success in life. He played the game fiercely and brilliantly, never letting up on his concentration of the game. Added to this background was his tremendous love of baseball.

## Business Ballplayers

Too many of today's ballplayers are business men first and then baseball players. Except for those coming from rural areas and those forgotten by the bonus givers, the majority are not "hungry" when they get into the major leagues. Their bank accounts are usually fattened by an eager Veep fearing the loss of such great potential to an other club. The players financial success is virtually assured. He loses that hungry feeling and when things get tough he doesn't try harder. Its the mental thought—"If I don't make it I've got enough money to start a business." The game of baseball has spoiled this type of youngster—and there are many in today's game.

Just recently sports pages were loaded with news that Mickey Mantle had finally ended his hold-out status. Shortly after the Yankees got him Mickey put all his earnings into participating investments such as bowling places, and other fields with the thought that he did not have to keep playing baseball to make his living. The present salary he settled for, and his hold-out, was just to gain time. It has been reported that he needed the time usually reserved for spring training to close some business deals in Texas and Oklahoma.

We are not implying here that Mantle or anyone else be denied that almighty dollar. What we are trying to say is that it takes all your time to be a better-than-average ballplayer. If you are constantly worried about your outside business ventures how in heck can you concentrate on the game your playing.

There are exceptions of course but Mantle is not one of them. Since his big home-run spurt a few years ago, Mickey has been slipping, last year being the worse in his career.

Mickey and the ballplayers he personifies face extermination from the game of baseball if they don't learn to concentrate on the sport instead of reading business ticker-tapes.

# SAXONS BOMB SOUTH NINE 7-1

## Hogue Holds Spartans to Four Hits; Homers

By Joe Dixon

Victorious over a Spartan nine, 7-1, Tuesday, the Saxons take on the Tartars from Torrance today at 3 p.m. in the second battle of inter-city rivalry.

Saxon pitcher Pat Hogue not only held the hapless Spartans with four hits but homered in the third inning to lead his team to victory. The young twirler also walked in the fifth and scored a run later on Ben Patten's double.

The Saxons got to South's

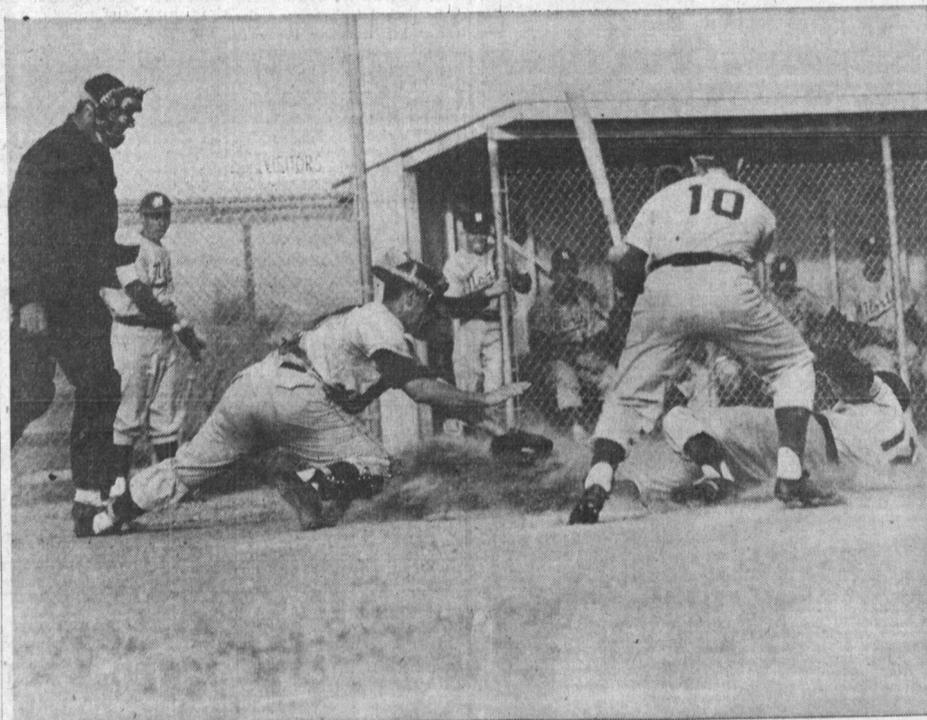
pitcher Pace early in the second and third innings. Thomas came on in the fifth to squelch the North rally.

The game was not without miscues as both teams felt the early season play by committing three errors apiece.

Score by innings:

	R	H	E
North	0	11	0
South	0	0	1

Batteries: North, Hogue and Masden; South, Pace, Thomas (5) and Czarske.



SLIDING SAFELY into home plate, away from Mike Czarske's tag, is Bob Wallace, who scored the Saxon's first run in the second inning of Tuesday's inter-city battle between North

and South High. The Saxons took the game 7-1. Pat Liningier, (10) moved out of the batter's box to permit Wallace to score.

# PRESS Sports

## Tartars Face Saxons Today After 4-2 Loss

By John Whitacre

Torrance High's Varsity Baseball team travel across town today to meet the North High Saxons, in the second inter-city clash of the young season. Game time 3 p.m.

The Tartars will try and reverse their 2-1 loss to the North men in the semi finals of the El Camino tournament. THS will bank their hopes on ace Senior lefthander Tom Richardson, while Saxon coach Bob Shoup is scheduled to throw Junior Dennis Hogue.

Last Tuesday the Tartars dropped a close decision to the Redondo Seahawks 4-2, on the winners field. The Beach boys exploded for two first inning runs and were never headed.

Torrance came back with two digits in the fourth inning on a double by Shortstop Bill Williams, who also smashed out a single in the second inning to continue his hot batting spree of .378 to lead his teammates.

Ray Wilson received his first loss of the season after posting two wins, while Larry Denhart Seahawk ace was credited with the win after pitching four hit ball for six innings, before being lifted for a pinch hitter.

Coach Irvin Kastens crew open the Pioneer league season at Torrance Park, against Culver City next Tuesday, hurling for THS will be lefthander Ray Wilson.

Batteries: Wilson and McGuire, Denhart, Horne 6, and Emerson.

## Teacher Is Candidate

Charles P. Sohner, instructor of political science at El Camino College for the last seven years, has taken out filing papers as a candidate for the State Assembly in the June primary. Last month, Sohner was selected as the endorsed candidate by the 46th Assembly District Democratic Convention.

# ECC Hosts Valley Nine

Sizzling hot after racking up the Metropolitan Conference Baseball Tournament championship Saturday, El Camino's horsehiders prepare to blast off loop action Friday at 3 p.m. against visiting Valley, the Tribe's victim in the tourney finale.

Two route-going pitching performances, coupled with an airtight defense and a rampaging hitting barrage high-lighted El Camino's double victories on the final day of the tournament.

Behind the six-hit hurling of Ron Veres and the swatting of Art Adams and Tom Nyman, the Warriors dumped Valley 4-1 to win the trophy.

Jumping to a quick two-run bulge in the opening frame, ECC actually wrapped the contest up as Veres held the Monarchs at bay for the rest of the game.

After the fifth frame Valley

failed to touch Veres for a safety as the stingy right hander chucked perfect ball, except for one walk, over the final four innings.

In the morning semifinal tilt against Santa Monica, Dennis Shaves became the first Indian moundman to complete nine innings as he turned back the Corsairs 6-3.

Shaves threw only 111 pitches in his nine inning gem, walking two and striking two out.

Fierce rapping by Stan Beard and Dick Patera sparked the Tribe in the SMCC win. Beard slugged out three hits, including a triple and three RBIs, in five times up, while Patera blasted a double and a single good for two tallies.

Nyman opened the fifth round with a single and when the SM outfielder allowed the ball to sneak past him, Nyman raced to

third. Beard promptly followed with a line drive to left driving Nyman home with the fourth run of the game and what would have been enough for victory.

A two-bagger by Patera in the top of the last round chased in two more insurance tallies for ECC.

Shaves, besides spinning a sharp game, banged out two base hits, one a double, and knocked in a run to aid his own cause. Valley advanced to the afternoon finale at Blair Field in Long Beach with a 6-5 triumph over defending Metro champion San Diego in a 12-inning contest.

Coach Chuck Freeman's nine upped its season slate to 7-4-1 in pre-season games and served notice that they'll be tough to reckon with in loop play.

Last year the Tribe was belted out of the Metro tourney in the first round by San Diego, 20-0, so this year the Warriors were a dedicated squad.

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## Hundreds of Exhibits Set for Sports Show

Nearly 60 boat, motor and marine accessory manufacturers will present one of the largest special sections among the hundreds of exhibits at H. Werner Buck's 15th annual mammoth Los Angeles Sportsmen's and Vacation Show which will come to Pan-Pacific Auditorium, 7600 Beverly Blvd., March 21 through April 10.

Virtually all types of pleasure craft will be represented, both inboard and outboard utilities, runabouts, hardtops and convertibles, plus sailboats and specialty craft.

Many other acres of exhibits will present latest model equipment for fishermen, hunters, campers, trailerites, swimmers, archers and vacationers. Total value of exhibits is about \$10 million.

Buck, co-ordinator and producer of the previous 14 Los Angeles Sportsmen's Shows which have been visited by 3,000,000 persons, has augmented the huge show grounds by leasing an adjoining 1000-seat motion picture theater and a 20-lane bowling alley, and has signed Cowboy Star Roy Rogers and troupe to headline the sensational 10-act, 90-minute stage and water entertainment program, the "Parade of Outdoor Champions."

Other special arenas will be built for golfing contests, shooting of both guns and bows and arrows, underwater diving, trying out fishing tackle, trampoline acrobatics, and trout fishing. Continuous color sound full-sized adventure and outdoor movies will be shown in the big theater, while bowling matches and demonstrations, plus many surprise features, will be staged in the big bowling palace.

Contests and giveaways galore will be put on by both the show management and scores of individual exhibitors.

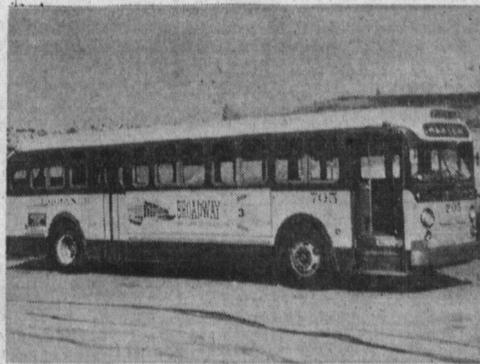
## Writer to Speak

Jay Ellis Ransom, magazine article writer, will be guest speaker at the Southwest Manuscripters tomorrow at 8 p.m. at Clark Stadium, 861 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach.

## Pact for Northrop

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